

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 9, 11, and 18 as follows:

9. (Once amended) A method for monitoring pain of a patient, said method comprising:

- a) providing a patient communication device;
- b) providing a data processor capable of communicating with the patient communication device;
- c) delivering a pain questionnaire to the patient at each of a series of time points using the patient communication device to generate pain questionnaire results;
- d) communicating the pain questionnaire results to the data processor; and
- e) processing the pain questionnaire results using the data processor, thereby monitoring the pain of a patient,

wherein the pain questionnaire comprises a Visual Pain Analog Scale, a Visual Mood Analog Scale, a Pain Severity Scale and a Pain Relief Scale.

11. (Once amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the patient communication device includes a heat beam dolorimeter.

18. (Once amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the patient communication device includes a heat beam dolorimeter.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application. Claims 1-20 are pending.

Applicant thanks for the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 9. Applicant has rewritten claim 9 in independent form. Claims 11 and 19 have been amended to indicate that "patient communication device includes a heat beam dolorimeter." Support may be found, for example, on page 39, line 25, through page 40, line 13 ("The COMPAT device may provide other functions besides those